

MEETING FOR HIDALGO COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 6
Minutes of the Meeting Held on October 15, 2025

LOCATION: 724 N. Breyfogle Rd. Mission, Texas 78574

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Dr. Antonio Uresti
Mario Flores
Janie Gaytan
Juan Tito Palacios

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Jorge Arcuate
Juan Villarreal
Krystine Ramon
Homero Garza
Gus Ramirez
Ricardo Saldana

- 1) Call meeting order. The meeting was called to order by President Uresti at 5:39 p.m. Dr. Antonio Uresti, Mario Flores, Janie Gaytan and Juan Tito Palacios were present, and a quorum was established.
- 2) Invocation.
- 3) Pledge of Allegiance.
- 4) To receive public comment. Mr. Jorge Arcuate introduced the Hidalgo County Fire Marshal Chief Homero Garza and Chief of Hidalgo County Emergency Management Ricardo Saldana.
- 5) To approve the September 24, 2025 meeting minutes. Commissioner Flores made a motion seconded by Commissioner Palacios to approve the September 24, 2024 meeting minutes as presented. The motion passed by a vote of 3 to 0 with Commissioner Uresti abstaining.
- 6) To review, discuss and take action regarding any District financial institution matters. No action was taken.
- 7) To review, discuss and take action regarding bookkeeping services. Legal counsel recommended the Board form a committee to evaluate the RFP. Legal counsel discussed with the Board the draft of the RFP for bookkeeping services with the deadline of proposals due on November 10, 2025 and selection meeting on November 12, 2025. Commissioner Flores made a motion seconded by Commissioner Palacios to approve forming a committee to evaluate the bookkeeping RFPs and have Commissioner Gaytan and Commissioner Flores on the committee. The motion passed by a vote of 3 to 0 with Commissioner Uresti abstaining. Commissioner Flores made a motion seconded by Commissioner Palacios to approve the draft of the RFP and approve the deadline of proposals due on November 10,

2025 and selection meeting on November 12, 2025. The motion passed by a vote of 3 to 0 with Commissioner Uresti abstaining.

- 8) To receive a presentation from the Hidalgo County Fire Marshal's Office. Fire Marshal Chief Homero Garza introduced himself to the Board. Chief Garza informed the Board that the Fire Marshal's Office is staffed by ten (10) people who cover fifteen hundred (1500) square miles. Chief Garza informed the Board that at their office they provide education training. The Fire Marshal's Office manages twenty two (22) contracts with different entities. There are around two thousand two hundred (2,200) calls per year. The Fire Marshal's Office has an estimated three million dollar (\$3,000,000) budget. The Fire Marshal's Office also conducts life safety inspections. No action was taken.
- 9) To receive a presentation from the City of Alton regarding emergency services. The City of Alton's Fire Chief Gus Ramirez presented to the Board a proposal for fire services. Chief Ramirez presented a Fire Department Staffing Proposal in conjunction with the District. Chief Ramirez presented to the Board the City's staffing model, ISO rating and current coverage. Chief Ramirez presented the purchase of a Fire Truck for an additional fire station for the District to improve response times. Chief Ramirez said that the goal for the City and the District to work together is to provide better coverage to the community, including the District with an NFPA Two In / Two Out compliance, improved wildfire readiness, enhanced prevention and education. Chief Ramirez proposed operating with the District for one (1) Deputy Fire Chief, four (4) firefighters per shift for a total of twelve (12) and one (1) fire inspector/public education officer. No action was taken.
- 10) To review, discuss and take action regarding the provision of Emergency Services to District territory. No action was taken.
- 11) To review, discuss and take action regarding District Website. Legal counsel presented to the Board that the District will need a point of contact with Clicktunity for website design. Commissioner Flores made a motion seconded by Commissioner Palacios to appoint Commissioner Gaytan as the website point of contact. The motion passed 3 to 0 with Commissioner Uresti abstaining.
- 12) To review, discuss and take action regarding hiring a part-time administrative assistant. The Board discussed the need for a part-time administrative assistant. Commissioner Gaytan made a motion seconded by Commissioner Flores to approve the position of a part-time administrative assistant for twenty one dollars (\$21.00) and hire Justin Villarreal pending legal review for conflict. The motion passed 3 to 0 with Commissioner Uresti abstaining.
- 13) To meet in Closed Session under Texas Government Code Section 551.071 to consult with legal counsel. The Board chose not to go into closed session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 to consult with legal counsel.

- 14) To review and act on scheduling District meetings and items to be added to meeting agendas. The next regular meeting is scheduled for November 12, 2025 at 5:30pm.
- 15) Adjournment. There being no further business, Commissioner Gaytan made a motion seconded by Commissioner Palacios to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 3 to 0 with Commissioner Uresti abstaining. The meeting was concluded at 10:02pm.